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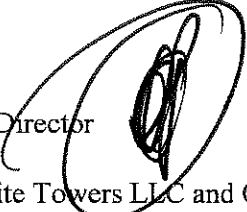
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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 342** - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite Towers LLC (Optasite) and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of New Milford, Connecticut. The proposed site would provide wireless service to Route 202 in northern New Milford and southern Washington.

Optasite proposes to construct a 140-foot monopole at 425 Litchfield Road in New Milford. T-Mobile would locate on the 137-foot level of the tower. The property consists of a 28.8-acre undeveloped parcel zoned for business use. The tower site would be located on a hillside in the center of the parcel.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The News Times and in The New Milford Spectrum.



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IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of New Milford on September 10, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the New Milford Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	June 22, 2007
Completeness review	July 26, 2007
Pre-hearing Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-One Filed• Set-One responses due• Set-Two Filed• Set-Two responses due	(tentative dates) July 27, 2007 August 15, 2007 August 20, 2007 September 4, 2007
Pre-hearing conference (2:00 p.m.)	August 21, 2007
Pre-filed testimony due	September 4, 2007
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	September 4, 2007
Field review (3:00 p.m.)	September 10, 2007
Hearing (4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	September 10, 2007
Close of Record	October 10, 2007
Draft Findings of Fact	October 18, 2007
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	November 8, 2007
Deadline for Decision	December 19, 2007
180-day extension date	June 16, 2008

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